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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with CARPETMAKER

On 21 June 1956, CARPETMAKER and [] were met by [] of the New York Office, Office of Security. We then drove to Sing Sing Prison arriving there at about 1000 and were introduced to Warden Wilfred L. Denno. Denno, a friendly outspoken individual expounded at some length on the New York prison system and his theories of prison management. CARPETMAKER stated that although he was not currently concerned with prison matters, at one time he had been intimately involved with prison affairs as the chief prosecutor of Schleswig/Holstein. Other than this CARPETMAKER found it very difficult to get a word in edgewise.

2. Denno then called in Sgt. Goldfarb who took us on a guided tour of the prison. We visited the hospital, cell blocks, the school, workshops and death house. CARPETMAKER declined an invitation to sit in the electric chair. After lunch in the officers mess and a farewell by Denno we returned to New York City.

3. Enroute CARPETMAKER brought up the [] case. CARPETMAKER said that he had not been satisfied by discussions he had in Washington on the case. He complained that executive action in the case had not been properly coordinated with him beforehand nor had the legal aspects of the case been discussed with him. He compared it to other situations which have arisen with West Germany agencies, in which an agency may take executive action prematurely without determining whether it has an air tight case against the individual. He said the BfV had been particularly guilty of such conduct. In the [] case the arrests were made in the presence of German officials or GCIS. CARPETMAKER went to some length to point out that the GCIS has no real authority. Although it is staffed by German officials it was created solely to assist the Allied in Berlin in security matters and cannot act independently. CARPETMAKER noted that a case such as the [] case can damage KUBARK reputation in West Germany. He urged that in the future in such cases we come to him either officially or unofficially and enlist his support and opinion before we take any rash action in cases involving legal action. He believes this can usually be handled in such a way as to protect our interests.

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4. C [redacted] then asked CARPETMAKER what relationship he had with the various IKAs and how it compared to the relationship between the BfV and the LfVs. CARPETMAKER replied that there was no comparison. The BfV has virtually no control over the LfVs. On the other hand, the EKA and the SG has had no difficulty in obtaining the full and wholehearted support of the IKAs. In addition the IKAs are required to submit monthly reports on their activities to the BKA. This gives the EKA an additional check on the IKAs.

5. In the evening C [redacted] took CARPETMAKER to Keens Chophouse for dinner and then to the film, "Oklahoma" which CARPETMAKER enjoyed thoroughly.

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